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1. This communication is responsive to 3/7/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-8 and 10-12.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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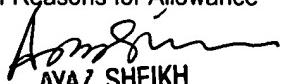
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Claims 6-8, and 10-12 are allowed over prior art.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable claimed subject matter.

Prior art of record singly or in combination fails to teach or fairly suggest a database of location identifiers wherein "the location identifiers generated refer to features of the video data material selected from the group consisting of: a specified frame of video, a group of picture sequence, a time code, and a pictorial temporal reference in order to identify a particular portion of the data material stored "recited in independent claim 6.

None of the prior art of record, either taken by itself or in any combination, would have anticipated or made obvious the invention of the present application at or before the time it was filed.

Depended claims 7-8, 10-12 are allowed over prior art by virtue of their dependencies.

Conclusion

Prior arts made of record, not relied upon:

US Pub. No. 2002/0083060 is directed to a method for recognizing an audio sample locates an audio file that most closely matches the audio sample from a database indexing a large set of original recordings. Each indexed audio file is represented in the database index by a set of landmark timepoints and associated fingerprints. Landmarks occur at reproducible locations within the file, while fingerprints represent features of the signal at or near the landmark timepoints. To perform recognition, landmarks and fingerprints are computed for the unknown sample and used to retrieve matching fingerprints from the database. For each file containing

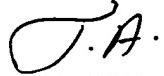
matching fingerprints, the landmarks are compared with landmarks of the sample at which the same fingerprints were computed. If a large number of corresponding landmarks are linearly related, i.e., if equivalent fingerprints of the sample and retrieved file have the same time evolution, then the file is identified with the sample.

US Patent 6,795,567 to Cham et al. disclose an object model having a plurality of features described by a model state. An unregistered feature of the object model, and an available frame from a sequence of images are selected to minimize a cost function of a subsequent search for a match of the selected model feature to the image in the selected frame. Upon a match, the feature is registered in that frame. The model state is then updated for each available frame. The steps of selecting, searching and updating are repeated. The Patent further discloses that a video storage module may contain only one frame corresponding to a single time instance, in which case the framework used is based on integrated sequential feature selection. Alternatively, the video store may contain the entire video sequence, in which case feature selection is performed across all video frames for maximum tracking efficiency. Finally, the video store may contain a small number of previous frames plus the current frame, in which case feature selection spans only a subset of the entire video sequence for each feature matching cycle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taghi T. Arani whose telephone number is (571) 272-3787. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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